

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Eli Ticknor, and I am 14 years old. I am here to ask you to vote against HB184.

Laws should ensure that people are free and safe; this bill does neither and therefore should not be a law. With any proposal, please ask yourselves; how does this improve the lives of the Montanan's that voted you into office, and is it worth spending their tax dollars on it?

The Declaration of Independence states:

*Prudence, indeed, will dictate, that governments long established, should not be changed for light and transient causes...*

To me, that means that our government should not be altered for unnecessary reasons. We did not need ONE state song, but we are considering changing our government to accept a fourth?

Please bring a sense of responsibility and reality back to the legislative process by voting 'no' to any unnecessary bills, including House Bill 184.

Thank you for your time.

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